

**LYMErix**  
**Lyme Disease Vaccine (Recombinant OspA)**  
**Safety Assessment for Licensure**

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## **Introduction**

- **Clinical data available for licensure**
- **Safety information from the large pivotal Lyme 008 trial**
- **Areas of special interest**
  - **Influence of vaccination on LD manifestations**
  - **Previous LD History**
  - **(Autoimmune) Arthritis**
  - **HLA type and Musculoskeletal Symptoms**
  - **Neurologic/Cardiac events**

## Phase I

<b>Study</b>	<b>Enrollment (per group)</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Schedule (months)</b>	<b>Duration (months)</b>
<b>001</b>	<b>24 (12/12)</b>	<b>Safety/Immuno</b>	<b>0, 1, 2</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>002</b>	<b>60 (20/20/20)</b>	<b>Safety/Immuno</b>	<b>0, 1, 2</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>003</b>	<b>240 (80/80/80)</b>	<b>Safety/Immuno</b>	<b>0, 1, 2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>004</b>	<b>90 (30/30/30)</b>	<b>Safety/Dose Selection</b>	<b>0, 1, 2</b>	<b>3</b>

## Phase II

<b>Study</b>	<b>Enrollment (per group)</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Schedule (months)</b>	<b>Duration</b>
005	353 (89/87/88/89)	Dose Range/Safety HLA Typing	0, 1, 2	12 months
007	30 (5/5/20)	Safety and Previous LD	0, 1, 2	6 months
009	90 (30/60)	Safety/Immuno	0, 1, 2	13 months
010	40 (20/20)	Immuno	0, 1	2 months
015	250 (125/125)	Dose Selection/Safety Pediatric Population	0, 1, 2	3 months

## Phase III

Study	Enrollment (per group)	Objectives	Schedule (months)	Duration
008	10,936 (5469/5467)	Pivotal Efficacy Safety Immuno	0, 1, 12	20 months
013	9,991 observed 4,300 vaccinated	Safety Placebo Crossover	4 months safety placebo crossover 0,1, 12	17 months
014	800 (400/400)	Immuno Lot Consistency Alternate Schedule	0, 1, 6 or 0, 1, 12	13 months
016	~ 1,000 (500/500)	Safety Immuno	0, 1, 2, 12 or 0, 1, 12	13 months
017	~ 350 (175/175)	Safety/Booster	Booster	36 months
018	~ 35	Immuno	0, 7, 28 days	2 months
019	240 (60/60/60/60)	Lot Consistency/ Immuno	0, 1	3 months

## **Overview - Prelicensure Clinical Data**

- **At time of BLA, a total of 16 studies were either completed or ongoing**
- **A total of 6,478 subjects received the final LYMERix formulation (18,047 doses)**

## **Pivotal Safety and Efficacy Study - Lyme 008**

- **Study Design / Objective**

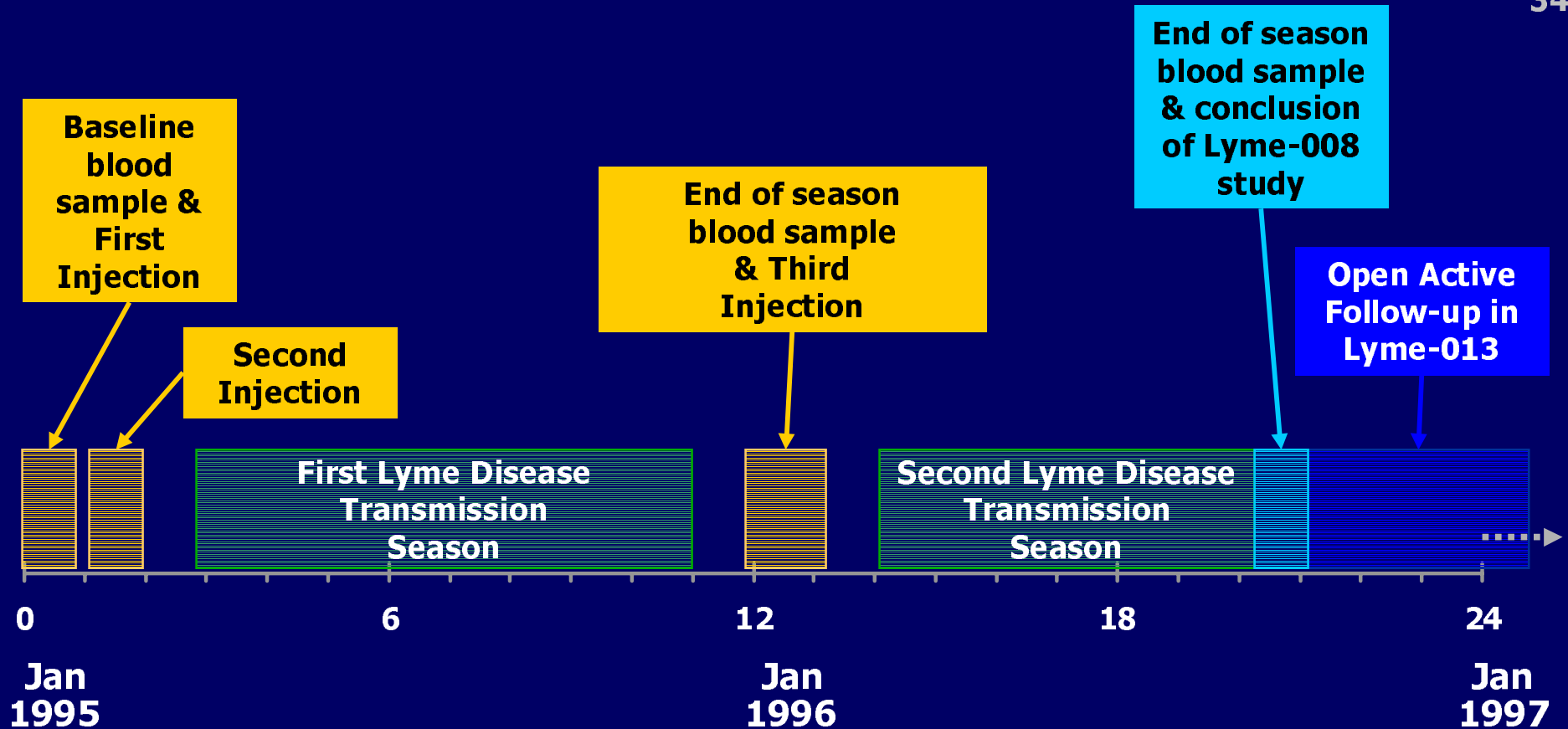
**Double blind, placebo control, multicenter, randomized study to evaluate safety, immunogenicity, and protective efficacy of a recombinant Lipo-OspA (LYMErix) vaccine in healthy adults**

- **Inclusion criteria:**

**Healthy individuals between 15 and 70 years of age from Lyme endemic areas**

- **Exclusion criteria:**

**Chronic joint or neurologic illness related to LD, current disease with joint swelling or musculoskeletal pain, current LD, 2nd/3rd AV block, pacemaker, immunosuppression, and pregnancy**



## Timeline for Vaccine Study



## **Pivotal Safety and Reactogenicity Data**

- **24 months safety data follow-up in the Lyme-008/-013 cohort**
- **AEs collected as:**
  - **Unsolicited**
    - Early onset ( $\leq 30$  days)
    - Late onset ( $>30$  days)
  - **Solicited**
    - Diary card subset
  - **Symptoms suspect for LD**

## Unsolicited AEs Occurring Within 30 Days (Overall)

- **Statistically significant differences between the vaccine and placebo groups**
  - **Local symptoms**
    - injection site pain (21.9% vs. 6.9%)
    - injection site reactions (1.5% vs. 0.9%)
  - **General symptoms**
    - fever (2.6% vs. 1.6%)
    - influenza-like symptoms (2.5% vs. 1.7%)
    - myalgia (4.8% vs. 2.9%)
    - chills/rigors (2.1 vs. 0.7%)

## **Unsolicited AEs with Onset More Than 30 Days After Vaccination (Overall)**

- **No statistically significant differences were found between placebo recipients and vaccinees**
- **No increase in AEs with successive doses**

## Local and General Solicited AEs Reported (Overall)

	Overall	
	V (N = 402) %	P (N = 398) %
<b>Local Symptoms</b>		
Redness, any	<b>41.8</b>	20.9
Severe	<b>4.2</b>	0.0
Soreness, any	<b>93.5</b>	68.1
Severe	<b>5.0</b>	0.5
Swelling, any	<b>29.9</b>	11.3
Severe	0.5	0.0
<b>General Symptoms</b>		
Arthralgia, any	<b>25.6</b>	16.3
Severe	1.0	0.5
Fatigue, any	<b>40.8</b>	32.9
Severe	3.0	2.3
Headache, any	38.6	37.2
Severe	3.0	2.8
Rash, any	<b>11.7</b>	5.3
Severe	0.2	0.0
Fever $\geq 99.5^{\circ}\text{F}$	3.5	2.3
$>102.2^{\circ}\text{F}$	0.0	0.0

- **Statistically significant differences between vaccine and placebo groups for:**
  - **Local symptoms at injection site**
  - **Several flu-like symptoms (including fatigue and arthralgia), and rash**
- **No difference for headache or fever**
- **Mean durations of general solicited symptoms: 1-8 days (range 1-236)**

## **Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)**

- **SAE definition:**
  - **Any event which is fatal, life threatening, disabling or incapacitating, results in or prolongs hospitalization, or any experience which the investigator regards as serious**
- **In addition, pregnancies, and arthritis/arthralgia lasting for more than 30 days, were reported in a similar manner (within 24 hours)**

## **Serious Adverse Events (SAEs)**

- **581 vaccine and 586 placebo recipients reported SAEs**
- **No statistical difference by body system**
- **14 vaccine and 15 placebo recipients experienced SAEs designated as related or possibly related**
- **No deaths attributable to the vaccine**

## Safety Conclusions

- **Unsolicited AEs with onset  $\leq$  30 d**
  - more in vaccine than placebo recipients
- **Unsolicited AEs with onset  $>$  30 d**
  - no difference between vaccine and placebo recipients
- **Solicited AEs**
  - 97% vaccine and 82% placebo (at least 1 symptom)
  - soreness - most common local symptom
  - headache and fatigue - most common systemic symptoms
  - $\leq$  5% of solicited symptoms were rated “severe”
- **SAEs**
  - no difference between vaccine and placebo

## **Areas of Special Interest**

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- **Subjects with previous LD**
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## **Influence of Vaccination on LD Manifestations**

- **No interference with the ability to confirm LD diagnosis by culture, PCR, or WB**
- **No masking, attenuation, or alteration of the clinical presentation of LD**
- **No increase in the rate of asymptomatic infection**
- **No effect on the duration of EM**
- **No influence on treatment of breakthrough cases**

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## **Subjects with Previous Lyme Disease**

- **Do subjects with previous LD have more symptoms?**
- **2 ways of assessing LD history**
  - **Self-reporting**
  - **WB positivity**
    - Baseline WB done when WB(+) at 12 or 20 months, or suspected LD with positive or equivocal WB

## AEs in Subjects Self-Reporting Previous LD

		History vs. No History Vaccinees	History vs. No History Placebo
Musculoskeletal	(early)	↗	=
	(late)	↗	↗
Psychiatric	(early)	↗	↗
	(late)	↗	↗
Nervous System	(late)	↗	↗
GI disorders	(late)	↗	↗

## AEs in Subjects Self-Reporting Previous LD

		Vaccinees			Placebo		
		History + (N=610) %	History - (N=4,859) %	p value	History + (N=596) %	History - (N=4,871) %	p value
Musculoskeletal	(early)	20.00	13.38	$\leq .001$	12.8	11.1	.243
	(late)	33.11	21.75	$\leq .001$	34.9	20.9	$\leq .001$
Psychiatric	(early)	2.30	1.19	.024	2.85	0.94	$\leq .001$
	(late)	4.26	2.74	.035	5.20	2.73	$\leq .001$
Nervous System	(late)	22.62	12.64	$\leq .001$	21.81	12.87	$\leq .001$
GI disorders	(late)	6.89	4.82	.028	8.05	5.67	.020

## AEs in Subjects in WB (+) Subjects

		WB(+) vs. WB(-) Vaccinees	WB(+) vs. WB(-) Placebo
Musculoskeletal	(early)	=	=
	(late)	=	=
Psychiatric	(early)	=	=
	(late)	=	=
Nervous System	(late)	=	=
GI disorders	(late)	=	=

## AEs in WB(+) Versus (-)

		Vaccine			Placebo		
		WB(+) N=124	WB(-) N=5,345	P Value	WB(+) N=126	WB(-) N=5,341	P Value
Musculoskeletal	(early)	13.7	14.1	<b>.895</b>	9.5	11.4	<b>.519</b>
	(late)	25.8	23.0	<b>.456</b>	28.6	22.3	<b>.095</b>
Psychiatric	(early)	1.61	1.31	<b>.679</b>	2.38	1.12	<b>.177</b>
	(late)	3.23	2.90	<b>.784</b>	3.97	2.98	<b>.430</b>
Nervous System	(late)	12.10	13.98	<b>.550</b>	14.29	13.84	<b>.885</b>
GI Disorders	(late)	1.61	5.13	<b>.077</b>	3.17	5.99	<b>.186</b>



## **Previous Lyme Disease Conclusions**

- **Self-Reported LD**
  - Increased incidence of AEs in BOTH vaccinees and placebo recipients
  - Exception to above was seen for early musculoskeletal AEs (increased incidence was not seen in placebo recipients)
- **Western Blot**
  - Nature and incidence of AEs (early or late) did not differ between WB(+) subjects as compared to WB(-) subjects

**WB confirmed previous LD has no impact on safety profile**

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## Induction of Autoimmune Arthritis?

- No increased incidence of arthritis in vaccinees:

	Vaccinees	Placebos
	n (%)	n (%)
onset $\leq$ 30 days	50 (0.9)	44 (0.8)
onset $>$ 30 days	159 (2.9)	155 (2.8)

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## Treatment-resistant Lyme arthritis

**The hypothesis** - *Gross et al. (1998) Science 31, 281*

- TRLA is an autoimmune disease triggered by natural infection
- This autoimmune disease may be the result of a cross-reactivity between OspA and hLFA-1
- HLA-DR4 individuals are at risk of developing TRLA after natural infection

## HLA typing in Lyme - 005

- **338/353 tested for HLA DR 4 and 2 Types:**
  - **DR 4 (+): 32% of subjects**
  - **DR 2 (+): 0.8%**
- **Results: 4 cases of unspecified arthritis**
  - **1 DR 4 (+) in placebo group**
  - **1 DR 4 (+) in vaccine group**

## HLA Typing in 2 subsets of Lyme - 008

- **1st subset**
  - 85 consecutive samples at one site (41 vaccinees, 44 placebo recipients)
  - Similar HLA profile in vaccinees with vs without pain or inflammation at injection site
- **2nd subset**
  - For 9/12 subjects from the entire study population with *unexplained* arthritis or tendinitis, HLA typing was available
    - 1/4 in the vaccine group HLA DR4 (+)
    - 1/5 in the placebo group HLA DR4 (+)

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## **Neurologic and Cardiac events**

- **No difference in neurologic or cardiac events in vaccinees and placebo recipients**
- **All AEs of interest were reviewed by an independent panel of experts**

## Conclusion

- Large body of safety data accrued prior to licensure
- Acceptable safety profile in clinical trials albeit moderate reactogenicity
- No clinical evidence (including from HLA typing) supporting theoretical concerns
- Demonstrated efficacy in definite (78%) and asymptomatic (100%) LD



**LYMErix considered safe and effective and  
approved for prevention of Lyme disease**